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Re: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site, Freeport, Texas
Unilateral Administrative Order, CERCLA Docket No. 06-05-05
Request for RI/FS Extension

Dear Mr. Pastor,

In a letter dated September 23, 2005, Ms. Elizabeth Webb of Thompson & Knight LLP, on behalf of Dow Chemical Company, Chromalloy American Corporation, and LDL Coastal Limited L.P., requested a two-week extension, until October 11, 2005, to submit the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan and RI/FS Sampling and Analysis Plan, which are required under the above referenced Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO). The UAO required these documents to be submitted within 60-days of the Effective Date, or by September 27, 2005. In the referenced letter, it was stated that the extension is necessary because of office closures and/or evacuation from the Houston area in response to Hurricane Rita, and to assess whether the hurricane resulted in changed site conditions that may impact the RI/FS plans. As requested, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will extend the time to submit the above documents until October 11, 2005.

Your company inspected the Gulfco site on Monday, September 26, 2005. This inspection was necessary to assess whether there was an immediate threat to public health or welfare, which could have occurred as a result of the hurricane. EPA agrees that this inspection was appropriate, even though there was not sufficient time to provide the 14-day advance notice of field activities, or the submission of certification of insurance at least 7 days prior to commencing work as required under the UAO. EPA notes that the Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided as an enclosure to the above letter.



If you have any questions, please contact me, or call Gary Miller of my staff at (214) 665-8318, or send an e-mail message to miller.garyg@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Coleman", written over a horizontal line.

Samuel Coleman, P.E.
Director
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cc: Luda Voskov
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality